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FIN'S DEVOTION!

A Story of War Times in Middle Tennessee.



N Middle Tennes see, at the foot of a range of hills that aspire to the dignity of mountains, stood Fin Crownover's house: a clap-board room. By the stream flowed over a bottom of soil? rock. The soil gave to him the necessities of life with

little coaxing; the sugar-maple had only to be "tapped" for a luxury in imitation of which "town strup" is a weak fraud. When the civil war came, Fin refused to join the Confederate army, and when the conscript law demanded his service he refused to give it. He was thirty years old, will take high rank. lean as a fence-rail and hard as a pine-knot; but he didn't care to fight, and wouldn't The provest marshal often sent for him, but he was always absent when the messenger

trembling by her side, was equally igno-Fin cultivated his corn at night. He slept the hours of day away in an airy bed. To the lambs of a hickory tree he tied a blanket, and from this hammock he frequently looked down on the man-hunters as they rode beneath in search of their prey. His daughter carried food to him in the evening -his breakfast, to fortify him for the

called. His wife did not know where he

was. His daughter, a black-eyed girl of

ten years, with hair "shingled" like that of

her baby brother, who stood silent and

One evening in early autumn she had finished this service and was returning home.
"No usen gwine ter his house, fur he aren't thar, you know," said old Sniffles to the soldiers who were following him afoot. "I tell yer I know ter er nat's heel whar he hides, fur I seed his gal go thar onet with his viddults. It's erbout feedin' time now, an' I'll bet she's thar."

At a turn of the path they met the girl. "What'ider tell yer?" exclaimed Sniffles, his mouth wide open in eager expectancy of the "treat" in store. He was chewing to-bacco, and the spittle tracing rivulets down each side of his frosty jowl met beneath his chin and flowed in one common stream to



"I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WANTED ME." fellow, with face as smooth as Sissy's and almost as fair, "I've got you!"
"I didn't know you wanted me," she re

'I mean I know where your daddy hides. and I'm goin' to get him."
"Yes," Sniffles broke in, "we've treed the coon at last "

"You'll fetch 'im by he

ketch 'im?" she asked, addressing the Cap-"Yes, sissy."

"Can I go on home"

Don't let 'er go," interposed Sniffles. "They give 'im all kinder warnin's by blow-in' or born."

"I'll lead the way, then," said sissy, turning about and walking ahead. They had scarcely gone more than fifly ards when the girl stepped quickly behind a big red elm, and picking up a hunter's horn that lay hidden under the leaves, blew a loud, short blast. The branches of a distant tree shook, the leaves rustled, and a man glided down its trunk and disappeared. "You confounded little buzzy!" shouted Saiffles, and he slapped her face with his open hand, which was as wide and as hard

You infernal old heathen!" replied the Cuptain, with a blow that sent Sniffles rolling down hill till a falling log stopped him. "All right, Cap'n," he whined, "the jig's up. She give the signal, I'll net on it, an' Fin Crownover's boyant the sarch uv the devil hisseif."

But Sniffles' wager was correct. The conscript was gone.

The sun had set on the battle-field of Franklin. Dead and wounded key so thick there was scarcely any stepping-room be-tween. A man prowled along in the darkness, stooping now and then and examining

"If you find any thing, divide," said one in whose pockets he put his hand, "Cap'n Rawlins, by jingo!" Sniffles (it was he), as he shambled off as fast as he could.

"I'll fin' 'm of he's on ther groun'," said another man, some hours after, as he walked along lantern in hand. 'Who's' this! It's him, shore! Cap'n, air yer dead! Whar yer shot?"

"I'm not dead, but my thigh is broken. What you doin' here?"

"Lookin' fur you. I node you wuz in the fight; and ever sense assy tole me how you slapt ole Saiffles down the hill I swore I'd sarve you ef it ever come nigh me ter do it. Pil lif' you inter my waggin an' jes' take yer home. I hain't in no danger now; the Confeds hain't huntin' conscrips no

The Captain is forty years old now. Sissy is thirty. Her place and devotion, as well as her beauty, charmed him, and he gave way to the spell and married her. The norn, attached to a silken string, hangs by silver nail over the mantel-piece; and when Fin Crownover looks at it he cuits his daughter's eldest, a girl of ten, and says:
"Ef it hadn't been fur that ho'n an' er

little gal erbout your size, twenty years ergo, the chances air I'd er been er sort uv or solder. But one fightin' man ir ernoff in one fam'ly, an' yer pappy's sword hang-in' ever thar is er good effect for the ho'n. I'm glad they're both jes' er they is, fur, if they had never been er tall, w'y, you wouldn't be here, and then what 'nd I do!'

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Mr. Jones came home the other night feeling somewhat discouraged. Sitting down by the register, he leaned his head disconsolately on his hand and sighed.
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head Parson Brownlow put a price, offering ten thousand dollars for his body, dead or alive This made it nec-esssary for him to live in Mexico for born in theold Franklin, and began to-prae tice law near

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ISAAC BELLA

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